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Westminster, February 1.

HIS Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers, and being in His Royal Robes, seated on the Throne with the usual Solemnity, Sir Charles Dalton, Gentleman-Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from His Majesty to the House of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the House of Peers; the Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majesty was pleased to make the following most gracious Speech.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Have, upon all Occasions, declared, how sensibly I have been affected with the many Hardships and Injuries sustained by my Trading Subjects in America. I have the Honour of my Crown, and the true Interest of my People too much at Heart, to see either of them suffer any Prejudice or Diminution, without pursuing the most proper and advantageous Methods for their real Security and Preservation.

These Considerations alone were sufficient to incite me to exert my utmost Power, in vindicating and protecting our undoubted Rights and Privileges of Navigation and Commerce; and nothing could add to my own Zeal in so just a Cause, but the due Regard I always have to the Petitions and Complaints of my Subjects, and the Advice of my Parliament. The Wisdom and Prudence of your Resolutions, upon this great and national Concern, determined me to begin with the more moderate Measures, and to try, once more, what Effect and Influence my friendly Endeavours, and pressing Instances would have upon the Court of Spain, towards obtaining that Satisfaction and Security, which we were intitled to demand and expect; and your Assurances to support me in all Events, enabled me to proceed with proper Weight and Authority.

Thus supported by the concurrent Advice of both Houses of Parliament, I lost no Time in making Preparations to do my self, and my People Justice, if the Conduct of the Court of Spain had laid us under that Necessity; and at the same time I did, in the strongest Manner, repeat my Instances for obtaining such Justice and Reparation for the many Injuries and Losses already sustained, and such an effectual Security for the future, as might prevent the Consequences of an open Rupture.

It is now a great Satisfaction to me, that I am able to acquaint you, that the Measures I have pursued, have had so good an Effect, that a Convention is concluded, and ratified between me and the King of Spain; whereby, upon Consideration had of the Demands on both Sides, that Prince hath obliged himself to make Reparation to my Subjects for their Losses, by a certain stipulated Payment; and Plenipotentiaries are therein named and appointed, for regulating, within a limited Time, all those Grievances and Abuses, which have hitherto interrupted our Commerce and Navigation in the American Seas; and for settling all Matters in Dispute, in such a Manner, as may, for the future, prevent, and remove all new Causes and Pretences of Complaint, by a strict Observance of our mutual Treaties, and a just Regard to the Rights and Privileges belonging to each other. I will order the Convention, and the separate Articles to be laid before you.

It hath been my principal Care, to make use of the Confidence you reposed in me in this critical and doubtful Conjuncture, with no other View, but the general and lasting Benefit of my Kingdoms; and if all the Ends, which are to be hoped for, even from successful Arms, can be attained, without plunging the Nation into a War, it must be thought, by all reasonable and unprejudiced Persons, the most desirable Event.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I have ordered the proper Estimates to be prepared and laid before you, for the Service of the current Year. I heartily wish, that the Posture of Affairs would have permitted me to retrench the publick Expences, for which I am obliged to demand the present Supplies: And I make no doubt, but your experienced Zeal and Affection for me and my Government, and the proper Concern you have always shewn for the publick Good, will induce you to grant me such Supplies, as you shall find necessary for the Honour and Security of me and my Kingdoms.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I cannot but earnestly recommend it to you, not to suffer any Prejudices or Animosities

ties to have a Share in your Deliberations at this important Conjuncture, which ſeems, in a particular Manner, to call upon you to unite in carrying on ſuch Meaſures, as will be moſt conducive to the true Intereſt and Advantage of my People.

AT the Court at St. *James's*, the 31ſt Day of *January*, 1738.

PRESENT,

The King's moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

His Majeſty in Council was this Day pleaſed to appoint Thomas Hardy, Eſq; to be Sheriff of the County of Warwick.

Petersbourg, Jan. 6. General Botta arrived here three Days ago from Vienna, in order to concert Meaſures for the next Campaign.

Warſaw, Jan. 29, *N. S.* We are aſſured by all Accounts from the infected Country, that the Contagion is greatly abated, and that at Kaminieck and Tramboula it has entirely ceaſed; of which it is ſaid that the Great General of Poland is ſo thoroughly convinced, that he has put into the firſt of thoſe Places a freſh Garriſon of 500 Men.

Berlin, Jan. 31. *N. S.* His Pruſſian Majeſty is ſo well recover'd of his late Indiſpoſition, that he appeared on the 26th and 27th, on Horſeback. On the 28th his Majeſty removed from hence to Potſdam. The ſame Evening M. Berckentin, his Daniſh Majeſty's Miniſter to the Court of Vienna, arrived here. The Prince Royal of Pruſſia was taken, a few Days ago, extremely ill with a Cholick in his Stomach; and it was ſo very violent for the Time it laſted, that his Royal Highneſs was thought in ſome Danger; but the Medicine order'd by the Phyſicians having had a proper Effect, his Royal Highneſs is now perfectly well again. On Thurſday laſt, Baron Brackel, the Muſcovite Miniſter, ſet out on his Journey to Vienna; as did on Friday laſt Baron Ehrencrone for Warſaw, who has reſided here ſome Years as charged with the Affairs of Sweden; he being appointed his Swediſh Majeſty's Miniſter to the King and Republick of Poland, in the Room of M. Rodenſhield, who is come hither in the ſame Quality.

Bank, 14 December, 1738.

Upon a Repreſentation from His Majeſty's Poſtmaſter-General, *That it is apprehended that the Expectation of finding* Bank Bills *in the Letters, gives Encouragement to the frequent* Robbery of the Mails; The Bank of England, *to contribute what in them lies to put a Stop thereto, and to render their* Bills *of no Significancy or Value to thoſe who are guilty of ſuch flagitious Practices,* do declare, *That for the Benefit and Security of thoſe who have Occaſion to tranſact Money Affairs in the Country, they will from and after the Firſt Day of January next (inſtead of Three Days Sight Bills) give to ſuch as deſire the ſame, their Bills payable at Seven Days after Sight to* ——— *or* Order, *whereby in Caſe of a* Robbery, *the* Proprietors *will have Time to give Notice thereof; and if the* Indorſements are duly filled up, as they expect they ſhould, *they can be of no Uſe or Service but to the right Owners.*

And whereas they may fall into thoſe Hands who may be ignorant of the Form *of indorſing them, a* Blank Indorſement *will be printed on the Back for the Parties to fill up, and to be repeated as often as Occaſion requires.*

Advertiſements.

King's Remembrancer's Office. Hillary Term, Twelfth Year of King George the Second. Tueſday the 23d of January, 1738, between Margaret Walls, Widow, Plaintiff, and Thomas Walls, Yeoman, and another, Defendants.

UPON Motion made for the Plaintiff, it is for the Reaſons in the Affidavit of Henry Abbott, order'd by the Court, That the Defendant Thomas Walls do appear to the Plaintiff's Bill on or before the firſt Day of next Eaſter Term. Wood for the Plaintiff.

TO be peremptorily ſold, together or in Parcels, before John Bennett, Eſq; one of the Maſter's of the High Court of Chancery, purſuant to a Decree and ſubſequent Order of the ſaid Court, on Friday the 23d of February Inſtant, at Five o'Clock in the Afternoon, at the ſaid Maſter's Houſe in Chancery-Lane, The Real Eſtate of Thomas Mawdeſley, late of Mawdeſley, in the County of Lancaſter, Clerk, deceaſed, ſituate in Mawdeſley, Hoskin, Eccleſton, and Wiggon, in the ſaid County, of about the yearly Value of 400 l. Particulars whereof may be had at the ſaid Maſter's Houſe.

THERE will be peremptorily ſold, before Francis Eld, Eſq; one of the Maſters of the High Court of Chancery, purſuant to a Decree of the ſaid Court, at the ſaid Maſter's Chamber in Symond's Inn in Chancery-Lane, London, on Monday the 26th of February Inſtant, at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon, A Freehold Eſtate late of Rupert Billingſley, Eſq; deceaſed, ſituate at Marſton Peeling, in the County of Bedford, of about the yearly Value of 233 l. Particulars whereof may be had at the ſaid Maſter's aforeſaid Chamber.

THE Creditors of James Peacock, late of the Pariſh of Stepney, otherwiſe Stebonheath, in the County of Middleſex, Mariner and Merchant, are deſired to meet the Aſſignees of the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate and Effects, on Thurſday the 8th Inſtant, at the Penſilvania Coffee-houſe in Birchin-Lane, London, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, to aſſent to or diſſent from the Aſſignees commencing one or more Suit or Suits in Equity for Recovery of the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate and Effects, and to their ſubmitting divers Differences and Diſputes relating thereto to Arbitration, or otherwiſe to compound and agree the ſame; and on other ſpecial Affairs.

THE Creditors of George Robinſon, late of Lombard-ſtreet, London, Banker and Broker, a Bankrupt, are deſired to meet the Aſſignees on Thurſday next, at Janeway's Coffee-houſe in Cornhill, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, to aſſent or diſſent to the Aſſignees commencing a Suit or Suits in Equity for recovering Part of the Bankrupt's Eſtate, or to the referring to Arbitration the Matters in Diſpute relating thereto; and on other ſpecial Affairs.

THE Creditors of John Thomſon, late of London, Merchant, a Bankrupt, are deſired to meet the Aſſignee on Thurſday next, at Janeway's Coffee-houſe in Cornhill, at Twelve o' Clock in the Forenoon, to aſſent or diſſent to the Aſſignee's commencing a Suit or Suits in Equity for the recovering Part of the Bankrupt's Eſtate, or to the referring to Arbitration the Matters in Diſpute relating thereto; and on other ſpecial Affairs.

THE Creditors of Joſeph Bezeley, late of Limehouſe, in the County of Middleſex, Merchant, againſt whom a Commiſſion of Bankrupt hath been awarded, who have proved their Debts under the ſaid Commiſſion, are deſired to meet the Aſſignees on Thurſday the 8th of this Inſtant February, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, at the Virginia Coffee houſe in Threadneedle-ſtreet, on ſeveral Affairs of Conſequence.

WHereas George Gumley, late of Tower ſtreet, in the Pariſh of St. Giles, Eſq; lately a Priſoner in Newgate, did on the 1ſt of November 1737, at a Seſſions then held for the City of London, purſuant to an Act of Parliament for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors, aſſign all his Eſtate to the Clerk of the Peace: Therefore all the Creditors of the ſaid Gumley are deſired to meet on the 15th of this Inſtant February, at Four in the Afternoon, at the Mitre Tavern in Fenchurch-ſtreet, London, to chuſe an Aſſignee or Aſſignees of the ſaid Eſtate purſuant to the ſaid Act.

THE Commiſſioners in a Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded againſt Richard Crozer, of London, and William Crozer, of Reading, in the County of Berks, Hair-merchants and Partners, did meet, purſuant to Notice in the London Gazette, on the 1ſt Inſtant, at Guildhall, London, in order to make a Dividend of the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate: But at the Requeſt of the Creditors then preſent, the ſaid Dividend is put off till Tueſday the 20th Inſtant, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to prove the ſame, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the ſaid Dividend.

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THE Creditors of Thomas Stevens, late of Wisbech, in the Isle of Ely and County of Cambridge, Merchant, a Bankrupt, are desired to meet the Assignees of the said Bankrupt's Estate on Thursday the 15th of February Instant, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, at the Rose and Crown in Wisbech aforesaid, in order to assent or dissagree to the commencing of a Suit in Equity against such Person or Persons, who have any Claims upon the real Estate of the said Bankrupt, or the empowering the Assignees to adjust and settle the same

THIS is to give Notice to all Persons who have any Debts or Demand upon the Estate late of Allan Wardell, of Middleton, in the County of York, Yeoman, deceased, that they may come and apply to Ann Wardell, of Middleton nigh Pickering, in the County aforesaid, his Widow and Devisee, and prove their Debts or Demands on or before the 25th of March next, and the same will be satisfied and paid, the said Estate being sold.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Edward Poppelton, of Rotherhith, in the County of Surry, Farrier and Victualler, intend to meet on the 8th of February next, at Four in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to prove the same; and to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt issued against Christopher Foxley, late of Lime-street, London, Merchant, will meet at Guildhall, on the 9th Instant, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon; when and where the Creditors, who have not proved their Debts, or have only made Claims, are to prove their Debts, and all the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Proposal then to be laid before them by the Assignees.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against James Gooding, of Fleet-street, London, Sadler, intend to meet on Thursday the 8th of this Instant February, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London; when and where the Creditors that have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to do the same, and assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate.

PUrsuant to an Order made by the Lord Chancellor dated the 24th of January last, for enlarging the Time for William Astrop, of the City of Norwich, Linnendraper and Chapman, for his surrendring himself, and disclosing and discovering of his Estate and Effects to the Commissioners, for finishing his Examination, for 49 Days, to be computed from the 3d of this Instant February, Notice is hereby given to the said William Astrop, that the Commissioners in the Commission of Bankrupt awarded against him, or the major Part of them, will meet on the 24th of March next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London; when and where the said Bankrupt is required to surrender himself, and make a full Disclosure and Discovery of his Estate and Effects, and finish his Examination accordingly.

WHereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against William Taylor, of the City of Norwich, Woollcomber, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is required to surrender himself to the Commissioners upon the 14th and 19th Days of February Instant, and the 15th Day of March next, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon on each of the said Days, at the House of John Burroughs, called the Goat and Kid Tavern in Norwich aforesaid, and make a Discovery of his Estate and Effects. At the first of which Sittings the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and to chuse Assignees.

WHereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against Robert Melson, late of Fotherington, in the County of Lincoln, Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 6th Day of February Instant, by Eleven in the Forenoon, and on the 3d and 17th of March next, by Two in the Afternoon, on each of the said last mentioned Days, at the House of William Dixon, commonly called the Swan Inn in the City of Lincoln, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the second Sitting to chuse an Assignee or Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same, but to whom the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them shall appoint.

WHereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against Isaac Meure, of Queen's Square, in the Parish of St. George the Martyr, in the County of Middlesex, Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 8th and 20th Instant, and on the 17th of March next, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon on each of the said Days, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination; and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Claggett, Attorney, in Bartlett's Buildings, London.

WHereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against Theed Cleaver, of Holbourn, in the County of Middlesex, Vintner, and he being declared a Bankrupt is hereby requir'd to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 7th and 14th of February Instant, and on the 17th of March next, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon on each of the said Days, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Joseph Webber, Attorney, at Coopers Hall, London.

WHereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against George Halfhide, of the Minories, London, Gun-maker, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 12th and 15th of this Instant February, and on the 17th of March next, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon of each of the said Days, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the First Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination; and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Thomas Church, of Lawrence-lane, London, Merchant, intend to meet on the 28th of February Instant, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to do the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend.

WHereas the acting Commissioners in the Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Joseph Taylor, of Bishopsgate-street, London, Hosier, have certified to the Rt. Hon. Philip Lord Hardwicke, Baron of Hardwicke, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, that the said Joseph Taylor hath in all things conformed himself according to the Directions of the several Acts of Parliament made concerning Bankrupts: This is to give Notice, that by Virtue of an Act passed in the Fifth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, his said Certificate will be allowed and confirmed as the said Act directs, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before the 23d of February Instant.

WHereas the acting Commissioners in the Commission of Bankrupt awarded against John Taylor, near Exeter Change in the Strand, in the County of Middlesex, Taylor, have certified to the Rt. Hon. Philip Lord Hardwicke, Baron of Hardwicke, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, that the said John Taylor hath in all things conformed himself according to the Directions of the several Acts of Parliament made concerning Bankrupts: This is to give Notice, that by Virtue of an Act passed in the Fifth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, his said Certificate will be allowed and confirmed as the said Act directs, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before the 23d of February Instant.

WHereas the acting Commissioners in the Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Thomas Willmott, of the Parish of St. Paul Shadwell, in the County of Middlesex, Lighterman and Coal-Merchant, have certified to the Right Hon. Philip Lord Hardwicke, Baron of Hardwicke, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, that the said Thomas Willmott hath in all things conformed himself according to the Directions of the several Acts of Parliament made concerning Bankrupts: This is to give Notice, that by Virtue of an Act passed in the Fifth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, his said Certificate will be allowed and confirmed as the said Act directs, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before the 23d of February Instant.

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